
All of the seminar sessions will build on and extend the work of Iowa Department of Education initiatives that provide in-depth training and learning opportunities in core instructional strategies and models. For details see www.iowa.gov/educate/teacher-professional-development/departement-of-education-sponsored-professional-development.html

CURRENT INITIATIVES AND ACADEMIES FOR SCHOOL TEAMS

- ♦ Collaborative Strategic Reading
- ♦ Concept Oriented Reading Instruction
- ♦ Every Child Reads
- ♦ Every Learner Inquires
- ♦ Instructional Decision Making
- ♦ Question Answer Relationships
- ♦ Second Chance Reading
- ♦ Strategic Instruction Model (KU)

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IOWA'S APPROACH TO HIGH SCHOOL REDESIGN



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THIS SERIES WILL FEATURE

- ♦ Options for effective, research based instructional practices at the middle and high school level including how to:
 - implement the **Model Core Curriculum**
 - design **rigorous and relevant** lessons
 - select evidence based practices in literacy, mathematics, and science
- ♦ Leadership actions for improving school-wide core instructional practices including how to:
 - lead **professional development** and increase teacher engagement in professional learning
 - **implement collaborative team structures for building teacher leadership**
- ♦ Resources and tools to aim directly at instruction and shared leadership including how to:
 - establish **high expectations** for what students can accomplish in core domains
 - build relationships through classroom learning environments where students develop a sense of efficacy and feel valued (**relationships**)

TARGET AUDIENCES

School districts engaging in school improvement efforts with an instructional focus in literacy, mathematics and/or science:

- ♦ Superintendents, middle school and high school principals, central office personnel, curriculum directors, lead teachers, and department chairs
- ♦ AEA school improvement consultants
- ♦ AEA professional development consultants
- ♦ Content consultants

APRIL 4, 2007 SPRING SEMINAR

Focusing on the Core to Lead School Improvement

Presenting: Dr. Richard Elmore

Dr. Elmore is a national expert in preparing school administrators to lead school improvement efforts and in creating a community of practice for superintendents and principals engaged in the improvement of instruction.

Dr. Elmore will share his experiences with creating communities of practice in which school administrators focus on leading and supporting reform efforts that target instructional improvements and increase student achievement.

Location: Des Moines, facility to be announced.

April 4 session details and registration procedures will be announced soon. See www.sai-iowa.org/

SEMINAR FOLLOW-UP EVENTS

Regional workshops and distance-learning opportunities will be offered throughout the year to extend the learning from this seminar and to provide application activities with an emphasis on effective practices in instruction and how to lead instructional change. Follow-up session details and registration procedures will be announced soon.

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SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS OF IOWA AUGUST 2007 CONFERENCE

August 7, 2007 - Pre-conference Institute by Dr. Gordon Donaldson, author of *Cultivating School Leadership in Schools: Connecting People Purposes and Practice*. This session will provide participants with tools for increasing the effectiveness of school leadership teams.

August 8, 2007 -- Breakout Sessions: Literacy, Math and Science Core Instructional Practices. Recommendations for evidence based strategies and models will be presented. Content experts will share information about how to access training in teaching methods that are proven to get results in middle and high school settings. For conference details and registration procedures. See www.sai-iowa.org/
